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OF

SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA,

AT THEIR SESSIONS

In Athens, Ga., November, 1842.

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SYNOD
OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

First Session.

ATHENS, (Geo.,) Nov. 17, 1842, }
Half past 6 o'clock, P. M. }

The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia met, according to adjournment, and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Leland, the last Moderator present, from 2 Cor. v. 20 : " Now then we are ambassadors for Christ."

Constituted with prayer.

PRESENT.

Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.	Elders.	Churches.
Wm. McWhorter,	Andrew Giles, of	Rocky River.
W. H. Harris.	Jas. Gillam,	Rocky Creek.

Presbytery of Hopewell.

A. Church, D. D.	Dr. D. M'Junkin,	Salém.
F. Bowman,	Silas Stevens,	Bethany.
H. Safford,	Samuel Groves,	New Hope.
J. W. Reid.		
F. R. Goulding,		
I. W. Waddel.		

Presbytery of Harmony.

R. C. Ketchum,
H. B. Cunningham.

Presbytery of Charleston.

Ministers.	Elders.	Churches.
A. W. Leland, D. D.	G. T. Snowden,	Columbia.
B. Gildersleeve,		
Geo. Howe, D. D.		
T. Smyth.		

Presbytery of Georgia.

John Jones,
Benj. M. Palmer, Jr.

Presbytery of Flint River.

J. S. Wilson,	James Peden,	Decatur.
R. T. Marks.	M. Robertson,	Columbus.
	G. M. Champion,	Mt. Tabor.
	A. L. Acee,	Ephesus.

Presbytery of Bethel.

None. None.

Presbytery of Florida.

Joshua Phelps.

ABSENT.

Presbytery of South Carolina.

J. B. Kennedy, Hugh Dickson, W. H. Barr, D. D., A. W. Ross, D. Humphreys, B. D. Dupree, W. Carlile, J. L. Kennedy, E. T. Buist, S. B. Lewers, J. Hillhouse, J. D. Wilson, and W. H. Davis.

Presbytery of Hopewell.

R. Chamberlain, S. S. Davis, N. Hoyt, D. D., S. K. Talmage, A. N. Cunningham, J. W. Baker, G. H. W. Petrie, E. Pharr, J. Harrison, R. Hooker, C. P. Beman, J. Gamble, J. W. Freeman, J. Templeton, N. A. Pratt, and Wm. Quillen.

Presbytery of Harmony.

J. Brown, T. R. English, W. M. Reid, D. McQueen, P. Pearson, D. J. Auld, M. Peden, S. Donnelly, A. G. Peden, M.

D. Frazer, G. C. Gregg, W. Brearley, R. W. Bailey, J. McFarland, R. B. Campbell, J. C. Coit, J. Harrington, J. L. Wilson, A. Buie, and J. P. McPherson.

Presbytery of Charleston.

W. A. McDowell, D. D., J. Wallace, G. W. Boggs, A. Buist, J. F. Lanneau, J. J. Dubose, J. H. Thornwell, J. B. Adger, J. L. Merrick, and T. L. McBride.

Presbytery of Georgia.

W. McWhir, D. D., R. Quarterman, C. C. Jones, W. Baird, I. S. K. Axson, and John Winn.

Presbytery of Flint River.

T. Goulding, D. D., J. C. Patterson, T. F. Montgomery, J. Y. Alexander, J. Stratton, G. W. M'Coy, M. Dickson, A. H. Hand, W. K. Patton, and W. M. Cunningham.

Presbytery of Bethel.

R. B. Walker, J. S. Adams, J. B. Davies, W. B. Davies, J. L. Watson, P. E. Bishop, S. B. O. Wilson, J. H. Saye, J. Douglas, J. R. Gilland, A. H. Caldwell, W. Banks, D. McNeil Turner, H. A. Munro, and L. W. Curtis.

Presbytery of Florida.

John Brown, D. D., B. Burroughs, J. S. Graves, R. M. Baker, and Eli Graves.

Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock: Closed with prayer.

Second Session.

November 18—9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Present as last evening, together with Rev. T. Goulding, D. D., N. Hoyt, D. D., and J. D. Wilson.

Synod then elected T. Goulding, D. D., Moderator, and B. Gildersleeve, Temporary Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

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Rev. Mr. Branham, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees

ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers.—J. L. Wilson, W. H. Harris, I. W. Waddel, R. C. Ketchum, A. W. Leland, D. D., Joshua Phelps.
Elders.—J. Gilham, Samuel Groves, G. T. Snowden, and M. Robertson, who were directed to meet on the recess of this body, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

South Carolina Presbytery.—F. R. Goulding, H. B. Cunningham, with Elder Col. S. Groves.

Harmony.—F. Bowman, J. S. Wilson, with Elder A. Giles.

Charleston.—John Jones, J. Phelps, with Elder M. Robertson.

Hopewell.—R. C. Ketchum, B. M. Palmer, Jr., with Elder J. Gillam.

Flint River.—I. W. Waddel, W. M'Whorter, with Elder S. Stevens.

Georgia.—Dr. Howe, R. T. Marks, with Elder A. L. Acee.

Bethel.—J. W. Reid, H. Safford, with Elder J. Peden.

Florida.—H. Safford, W. H. Harris, with Elder G. M. Champion.

On the Narrative.—Dr. Leland, R. T. Marks, and Dr. McJunkin.

On Minutes of General Assembly.—Dr. Howe, I. W. Waddel, and R. C. Ketchum.

On Religious Exercises.—Dr. Hoyt, Dr. Church, and Mr. Fields.

On Finance.—G. T. Snowden, M. Robertson, and A. Giles.

The standing Education Committee presented their report, which was read, and referred to a Committee consisting of Thomas Smyth, R. T. Marks, and Dr. A. L. Acee.

Their report is as follows, viz :—

“The Committee of Education respectfully present to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, the following report of their doings since the last meeting of Synod, which, together with the accompanying account current of their Treasurer, William Law, Esq., will furnish an accurate statement of their transactions.

“During the Synodical year just closed, your Committee have afforded pecuniary assistance to nine young men in the Theological Seminary, all of whom are under the care of Presbytery. Support has also been given to one Student of Davidson College. For the support of these ten Beneficia-

ries, the sum of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine dollars was appropriated. To the extinguishment of former debts, one hundred and sixty-nine dollars have been devoted—leaving an indebtedness of only thirteen dollars and thirty-one cents.

“ During the same period, your Committee have received the following sums from the following sources, viz :

From the three Scholarships belonging to the Theological Seminary,	\$435 00
From the Estate of Lambert,	500 00
From sundry congregations and charitable societies,	1134 14

Making the aggregate of moneys received from all sources, \$2,097 14

Leaving a balance of thirteen dollars as the present amount of indebtedness on the part of the Committee.

“ Your Committee would thankfully acknowledge the Divine goodness and the liberality of some of the Churches, by which they have been enabled to aid so many pious and valuable young men in their preparation for the Ministry, and, at the same time, almost to extinguish the heavy debt which formerly oppressed them. This recollection of the past affords encouragement for the future. For the coming year there will be greatly increased calls upon the liberality of the Churches, as the number of Beneficiaries who must depend upon this resource as their only means of pursuing their preparation for the Gospel Ministry will be nearly doubled.— There is a probability that about twenty Candidates for the Ministry, under the care of the Presbyteries, who belong to our Theological Seminary, will need this charitable assistance. Your Committee, therefore, beg leave to suggest to Synod the importance of adopting some judicious measures to increase the contributions of the Churches to this vitally important department of Christian benevolence. All of which is respectfully submitted.”

Letters were read from Rev. S. B. Lewers, N. A. Pratt, C. C. Jones, and John Winn, containing reasons for absence, which were sustained.

It was made the order of the day for the religious exercises of the Synod to be held to-morrow evening at half past 6 o'clock.

It was made the order of the day for three o'clock this afternoon to receive from the Presbyteries statistical reports and reports on the state of religion.

It was also made the order of the day for 11 o'clock, to-morrow morning, to hear the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Synod then had a recess to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Third Session.*Three o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. Present as in the morning, together with Rev. E. Cater, W. H. Davis, S. Donnelly, M. Peden, and T. F. Montgomery, with Elders J. Bull of Willington church, John Creighton of Sandy Creek church, Joseph T. Cunningham of Thyatira, John McWhorter of the church of Fayetteville, and James Wilson of Alcovia, whose excuses for not coming sooner were sustained.

The order of the day was called for, which was to receive Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries; whereupon

South Carolina Presbytery reported, that they consist of nineteen ministers, and have under their care thirty-six congregations, one Licentiate, and nineteen candidates for the ministry. That they have received J. D. Wilson, a licentiate of Harmony Presbytery, and ordained and installed him pastor of the united churches of Providence and Rocky River—that they have licensed Mr. George C. Logan—have received one new congregation (Mount Tabor,) under their care—and have authorized the change of the name of another from “Sandy Spring” to “Mount Zion.”

The Presbytery of Harmony reported, that they consist of twenty-two ministers, and have under their care twenty-six churches, two licentiates, and one candidate. That they have received Rev. J. P. McPherson from the Presbytery of Concord, and dismissed Rev. R. W. Bailey to join the Presbytery of Baltimore—that they have installed Rev. Thomas R. English pastor of the Church at Darlington—and that a new church has been organized on the east side of Pedee River, called Reedy Creek.

The Presbytery of Charleston report, that they consist of thirteen ministers, and have six churches, one licentiate, and five candidates under their care—that they have dismissed B. M. Palmer, Jr., a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Georgia—that they have dismissed Rev. Dr. W. A. McDowell to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia—that a church has been organized at Boiling Springs, Barnwell, and placed under the care of the Presbytery—and that the Rev. J. L. Merrick has signified his adherence on the basis of the Acts of the Assembly of 1837 and 1838, and his name has been enrolled among their members.

The Presbytery of Hopewell reported, that they consist of nineteen ministers, and have under their care thirty-eight churches, two licentiates, and one candidate—they have received the Rev. J. W. Waddel from the South Carolina

Presbytery—that they have dismissed J. W. Frierson to join the Presbytery of Concord, John Warnock to join the Presbytery of South Alabama, and Joseph Templeton to join the Presbytery of Muhlenburg,—that they have installed the Rev. N. A. Pratt pastor of the church in Roswell—they have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. A. N. Cunningham and the church at Augusta—and that the Rev. William Quillen has been removed by death.

The Presbytery of Georgia reported, that they consist of eight ministers, and have under their care eight churches, three licentiates, and one candidate—that they have installed Rev. John Winn as pastor of the church in Darien—that they have received B. M. Palmer, Jr., a licentiate from the Charleston Presbytery, and ordained and installed him pastor of the 1st Presbyterian church in Savannah—and that they have licensed Mr. Charles S. Dodd, Mr. James Dunbar, and Mr. Daniel S. Dickinson, to preach the Gospel.

The Presbytery of Flint River reported that they consist of 13 Bishops, and have under their care 37 churches, 3 Licentiates, and 2 candidates for Licensure; that they have ordained Rev. Danl. Inglis as an Evangelist; that they have received George Dunham, formerly of the Holstein Presbytery, on his adherence to the General Assembly on the basis of 1837 and 1838, and the adoption of the Confession of Faith;—that they have received under their care M. A. Patterson, a Licentiate, from Fayetteville Presbytery, and Robert Iverson, a candidate from Hopewell Presbytery; that they have received H. L. Dean, of the Woburn Association; that they have organized a church in the town of Griffin, and another at Carolton, Carol Co.; that the Salem Church, in Campbell Co., which had been organized by H. C. Carter, of Etowah Presbytery, has, by its own request, been taken under their care; that they have dismissed Rev. S. J. Cassels, to join the Presbytery of East Hanover, and W. K. Patten, to join the Presbytery of East Alabama; and installed W. M. Cunningham, pastor of the church at Lagrange.

Bethel Presbytery reported that they consist of 14 Ministers, and have 21 churches, and 5 candidates for the ministry, and 2000 communicants under their care; that they have organized a church in Yorkville; that they have received the Rev. Ferdinand Jacobs from the Presbytery of Baltimore; that they have dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. J. B. Davies and the church at Fishing creek, and dismissed Mr. Davies to join the Presbytery of Concord; that they have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. R. Gilland and Waxhaw and Lancaster churches: that they have on application of its members, dissolved Mt. Pleasant

Church, and directed its members to seek connection with the neighboring churches; and that they have ordained the Rev. Lupton W. Curtis as an Evangelist, as he occupies truly missionary ground.

The Presbytery of Florida report, that they consist of seven ministers, and have under their care eight churches—that they have installed the Rev. J. Phelps pastor of the church at Monticello—and dismissed the Rev. J. C. Baldwin to join the Presbytery of Georgia—that they have received the two churches of Thomas and Lowndes counties, and organised the church of Lamonia, and received it under their care.

Written reports on the state of religion were read from the Presbyteries of South Carolina, Hopewell, Georgia, and Harmony, and committed to the Committee on the Narrative.

The Committee appointed last year to confer or correspond with the Associate Reformed Synod, presented their report, which was preceded by reading the correspondence between them and the Committee of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South. The report was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

“To the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, the Committee, appointed to correspond with a similar Committee of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, respectfully report: That during the year several letters have passed between the two Committees upon the subject of a union between the two Synods, and several interviews have been had by individuals of the Committees, wherein the questions at issue have been freely discussed. The negotiation, both by letter and in conversation, has been conducted in a friendly and christian spirit. Without occupying the time of the Synod with any details, your Committee deem it necessary only to state the result of the correspondence up to the present time. As your Committee supposed that the question of Psalmody would form the only serious obstacle to the proposed union, they offered a compromise upon that point to the following effect, viz. ‘that all the churches in the united body should be allowed to retain their own Psalmody, provided that no psalms or hymns be used in public worship in any church excepting such as are sanctioned and approved by the highest judicatory.’

“This compromise was not satisfactory to our brethren of the other Committee; and in turn, they transmitted certain articles of union, as, in their opinion, indispensable.

“Of these articles it is only necessary to call the attention of Synod to the three following, which your Committee regard as closing the door to all negotiation.

“I. The adoption, by the united Synod, of the principles of the Westminster Confession of Faith, as expressed in the

Constitution, of the principles of the Associate Reformed Church.

"II. The second article in this enumeration requires, in substance, that all the churches of the united body be restricted to the use of Kous' version of the Psalms, or of some new literal version, utterly excluding all hymns of human composition.

"III. The other article requires communion to be restricted to those who adopt such a Confession or Constitution.

"Your Committee regard these terms of union wholly inadmissible, because they are either contrary to the Constitution adopted by our General Assembly, or inconsistent with Scripture."

The Committee on Religious Exercises presented their report, which was read and adopted, and is as follows, viz: (1.) Hymn, by Moderator; (2.) Prayer, by J. S. Wilson; (3.) Reading a portion of Scripture, by Dr. Howe; (4.) Address to Ministers and Elders upon the pleasures to be derived from a faithful discharge of duty, by Dr. Leland; (5.) Hymn, by Mr. McWhorter; (6.) Address to members of the church upon the amount of religious influence which they are able to exert upon the world, by Mr. Bowman; (7.) Prayer, by Mr. Waddel; (8.) Benediction, by the Moderator.

Synod then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Fourth Session.

Saturday Morning—9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Present as yesterday, together with J. Y. Alexander, G. H. W. Petrie, J. C. Patterson, L. W. Corbin, S. Clarke, Elder of Beach Island church, and D. C. Campbell, of the church at Macon, Rev. J. W. Baker, Rev. R. Chamberlain, Wm. Turk, of Lebanon church, and Rev. S. K. Talmage.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Publication presented their report which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Presbytery of Hopewell further reported that they had received Rev. H. C. Carter, of Etowah Presbytery, and Rev. P. McCorkle, of the Presbytery of Lexington, who were present, and took their seats.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer, which was read, and, on motion, placed on the docket.

The committee on Bills and Overtures, presented Overtures No. 1, and 2, which were read and placed on the docket.

Overture No. 2, was, on motion, taken up, and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Patterson, Donelly, F. R. Goulding, Howe, Jones, Phelps, and McWhorter.

Synod proceeded to nominate Directors for the Theological Seminary, six Ministers and four Laymen, for three years; and two Ministers to supply the place of Rev. W. A. McDowell, D. D., and S. S. Davis, who have removed without our bounds—for one year. The nominations being completed, a list was ordered to be placed upon the door, and it was made the order of the day for the election at 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

The committee appointed last year to confer or correspond with a committee of the Associated Reformed Synod, on terms of union, were continued.

The committee on the Records of Hopewell Presbytery, presented their report recommending that the book be approved with specified exceptions to page 112.

The order of the day was called for, (to wit) the Report of the committee on Foreign Missions, when their report was read and accepted; and, on motion, it was referred to a committee, consisting of Dr. Church, H. B. Cunningham, Jones, Marks, and D. C. Campbell.

The Treasurer's report was presented, and on motion it was referred to Messrs. Gillam, Clark and Snowden.

The committee on Overture No. 2, presented their report, returning the Overture, as they could not agree upon any measure which they could recommend, and requested to be discharged.

Their request was granted, and the Overture was made the order of the day for Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, presented their report which was accepted, and ordered to be placed on the docket.

Synod then had a recess to meet at half past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Fifth Session.

Half past 2 o'clock.

Synod met. Present as in the morning, together with A. C. Marshall, Elder of the church at Dahlonga.

The committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery, reported, recommending that the minutes be approved, which was adopted.

Synod proceeded to nominate Trustees of Oglethorpe University—A list of the same being made, it was ordered that Synod proceed to the election on Monday after the other orders of the day are disposed of.

The committee on the Records of Georgia Presbytery presented their report, recommending that the book be approved, which was adopted.

The committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overtures No. 3 and 4, which were received and entered on the docket.

Overture No. 4, was taken up, which was to attach the District of Fairfield with all its churches, to the Presbytery of Charleston; and, after discussion, it was, on motion, laid on the table.

The Report of the committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was taken up, and inquiries were made on the subject of Foreign Missions, of individual members, and on the subject of Domestic Missions of the Presbytery; when it appeared that, in a measure, these subjects had received a share of the attention of our Ministers and Presbyteries.

It was unanimously resolved that the following Resolutions of the General Assembly, on the subject of its recent action in the abrogation of the Plan of Union, &c. be adopted by this Synod, as expressing the views which they have ever held, and do now hold on this subject, and that they be published as a repeated expression of our sentiments.

“Whereas, it is believed by this Assembly, that there are Ministers, and churches, and private Christians, within our bounds, holding the same doctrines, and maintaining the same church order with us, but who from a misapprehension of the acts of the Assembly of 1838, are not in our communion; and whereas as it is expressed in Act II. adopted by that Assembly, it was never the intention of the General Assembly to cause any sound Presbyterian to be permanently separated from our connexion, but it is and always was the desire of the church, that all who really embrace our doctrine, love our order, and are willing to conform to our discipline, should unite themselves with us; and, moreover, as the General Assembly has no idea of narrowing, but would rather expand its geographical limits, so as to unite in bonds of the most intimate fellowship every evangelical church like minded with ourselves throughout every portion of our beloved country, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That it is hereby declared by the General Assembly, that in requiring an adherence to our Church on the basis of the Assemblies of 1837 and 1838, they did not create any new basis of Presbyterianism, but required an adherence to the true and only basis of our organization and

communion, viz: the doctrinal standards and constitution of our Church, as founded in the Word of God, a deplorable departure from which had been suffered through the operation of the Plan of Union.

2. *Resolved*, That it was not then, and is not now, required of those who would adhere to us as a branch of the Church of Christ that, as a term of membership in this Church they should approve the acts of the Assembly of 1837 and 1838; but simply that they should recognize the Church as then and subsequently constituted as the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and acknowledge their subjection to its judicatories."

Synod recommend in accordance with the spirit of the resolution of the General Assembly that it be urged upon the Ministers and churches to take order on the subject of the Assembly's Board of Education, and make an effort on its behalf, in cases where it has not been done during the year, before the spring meetings of Presbyteries.

Synod had a recess to meet this evening at 7 o'clock for religious exercises.

Sixth Session.

Seven o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. Present as above, together with Rev. John Douglas, Rev. P. E. Bishop, Rev. F. Jacobs, Rev. D. Inglis, Rev. W. Banks, Dr. T. W. Alexander, an Elder of the church at Monroe, and R. W. McDonald, Elder of the church at Cumming.

The reason assigned by these brethren for their late attendance upon the sessions of this body, consist chiefly in the impediments thrown in their way by heavy rains and impassable water courses—which the Synod deemed amply sufficient.

The devotional exercises of the Synod in connexion with the congregation, were then conducted in the order previously arranged; when many, at least, felt that it was a privilege to be there.

After which, Synod adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Seventh Session.

Monday Morning—9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Present as on Saturday evening.

The committees appointed to examine the minutes of Flint River and of Florida Presbyteries, presented their report, recommending that the several records be approved, which was adopted.

The committee on the records of Harmony Presbytery reported that these Records had not been put in their hands.

The order of the day was thus taken up, which was Overture No. 2, touching the question whether it be expedient to take measures for the division of this Synod.

It was moved that it was expedient to take measures for the division of the Synod. But before the question was taken, Synod proceeded to the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and Messrs. Snowden and Corbin were appointed a committee to receive and count the votes, and declare the result.

Synod then had a recess to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Eighth Session.

Three o'clock, P. M.

Synod met.

The committee on the Records of Bethel Presbytery presented their report, recommending with specified exceptions that the book be approved.

The committee to whom was referred the account of the Treasurer of the Southern Board, reported that they have examined the same, and found it to be correct, and by which the Treasurer has

Received from 20th Nov. 1841, up to the 9th	
Nov. 1842,	\$2,411 05
That he has disbursed in the same time,	\$2361 05
That he has on hand in bills of Central	
Bank of Georgia,	50 00—2,411 05

They further recommend the following resolutions, viz :

“That the thanks of Synod are due, and are hereby tendered to James Adger, Esq. for the clear, correct, and satisfactory manner in which he has reported his account, and for the very important services which he has thus gratuitously rendered.

That Synod deem it important to retain the services of Mr. Adger, as Treasurer of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions—and that the Clerk communicate to him a copy of these resolutions.”

The report was accepted and adopted.

Overture No. 2, was again taken up, when it was moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed. The ayes and noes being called for, resulted as follows :

Ayes—Messrs, Cater, Davis, J. D. Wilson, Bull, Gilham, Giles, Ketchum, H. B. Cunningham, M. Peden, Leland, Gildersleeve, Howe, Smyth, Douglas, Jacobs, Banks, Snowden, Clarke, Church, Bowman, Safford, Reid, Waddel, Chamberlain, Petrie, McCorkle, Baker, Hoyt, Talmage, Fields, McJunkin, Stevens, Groves, Creighton, J. T. Cunningham, Jones, Palmer, Ingles, D. C. Campbell, Jas. Wilson, Phelps, Baldwin—42.

Nays—Messrs. McWhorter, Harris, Donelly, Bishop, F. R. Goulding, McDonald, Turk, J. McWhorter, J. S. Wilson, Marks, T. Goulding, D. D., J. Y. Alexander, T. F. Montgomery, J. C. Patterson, L. W. Corbin, Jas. Peden, Robertson, Champion, Acee, H. Smith, T. W. Alexander, James Espey—22.

The committee to whom it was referred to collect and count the votes for Directors of the Theological Seminary, reported that the following members were elected for three years, viz :

Ministers—C. C. Jones, D. Humphreys, I. S. K. Axson, S. K. Talmage, John Dougglas, and John Jones. *Elders*—G. T. Snowden, of Columbia, Hugh Wilson, W. L. Mitchell, of Athens, D. C. Campbell, of Macon.

And that the following Ministers were directed to supply the place of Dr. McDowell and Rev. S. S. Davis, removed, viz : D. M. Turner. and B. M. Palmer, jr.

Mr. Gilham obtained leave of absence after 12 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Ninth Session.

Tuesday Morning—9 o'clock:

Synod met and was opened with prayer. The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes were read.

The letter of Rev. Dr. Palmer was taken up from the docket, and the following minute was directed to be made in reference to it, viz :

That the name of Dr. Palmer is not now upon our Synodical roll, as he does not belong to any Presbytery which this Synod recognizes as in its connexion—and therefore it was

unnecessary for him to offer any excuse for absence either from the present or any previous meeting of this body—that if Dr. Palmer wishes to be, as in former years, connected with us, it must be through a Presbytery recognized by this body, within whose bounds he may reside, and according to the fixed rules and principles which the highest Judicatory and the Constitution of our Church, as now existing, have provided—that it would be an imputation upon the intelligence of Dr. Palmer to point out to him these rules and principles, as they have frequently passed under his review—nor can we suppose that he would wish to belong to a body with whom he could not in the main agree, both as to doctrine and polity. It is therefore left to him to seek, if he desires it, a connexion with this body, through the only channel in which he can be received—and the Synod would at the same time refer him to their action, at this meeting, on the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, as expressive of their unanimous feelings and views touching *adherence* to the Church, and the true ground and spirit of this adherence.

The Stated Clerk was directed to communicate the foregoing minute to Dr. Palmer.

Leave was granted to Col. Campbell to introduce a preamble and resolutions for the purpose of setting off the church at Macon from the Presbytery of Flint River.

But before a decision took place, it was referred to a committee to take into consideration the dividing line between the Presbyteries of Hopewell and Flint River. This committee consisted of Messrs. Wilson, Campbell, Hoyt, and Dr. Alexander.

This committee reported, recommending that the County of Bibb and the churches therein be, and it is hereby attached, to the Presbytery of Hopewell—and that all the Counties of the Cherokee country, lying west of the Chatahoochie river, except the Counties of Forsyth, Lumpkin, and Union, be, and they are hereby attached to the Presbytery of Flint River. Their report was adopted.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary presented their report, which was read, accepted, and adopted; and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The following resolutions were then introduced and seconded, viz :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator, whose duty it shall be to institute, forthwith, such inquiries, and to procure such investigations, as may result in a reliable legal opinion upon the question, whether the funds of the Theological Seminary at Columbia would or would

not be necessarily endangered by a division of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia into two distinct Synods.

Resolved, 2dly, That the said Committee, in the event that said funds would not be endangered, be hereby directed to take such steps as may be required to secure, at the first session of the South Carolina Legislature, all necessary amendments to the charter of the Seminary; so that no impediment may be in the way of a division of Synod at its next annual meeting.

The question of order was then taken up, as to whether they had not been precluded by the vote to postpone; when the Moderator declared that it was in order.

An appeal was taken from his decision, but resulted in sustaining the Moderator.

The first of the foregoing resolutions was then adopted, and instead of the 2d resolution a substitute was adopted, viz :

Resolved 2, That this committee be required to report to this Synod at its next meeting.

The following committee was appointed by the Moderator—Rev. Mr. Bishop, Dr. Howe, Mr. McWhorter, Mr. Donnelly, and Dr. Paul F. Eve.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. McDonald, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Marks, and Dr. Acce.

Synod resolved to hold its next stated meeting in the city of Augusta, on the Thursday before the first Sabbath in December, 1843, at half past 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Trustees of Oglethorpe University presented their report, which was accepted, and the appointment of John B. Mallard as Professor of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy; J. H. Fitten as Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, and the Hon. C. B. Cole as Professor Extraordinary of Law, and Honorary Member of the Faculty of the University, was confirmed.

The Trustees of Oglethorpe University respectfully report to the Synod :

“That the situation of the College for the past year, has been as flattering as could have been expected, considering the state of the times. The number of students in the College proper, has been about forty; and in the preparatory school twenty-five.

“The order and industry of the students have been highly satisfactory to the Faculty and all those who have had an opportunity to witness their deportment. A class of five graduated at the late commencement, and the high moral and religious tone which pervaded their exercises could not have failed to impress the audience favourably with the plan of religious education. The sentiments of the honorary orators

before the Alumni and the Literary Societies of the College, urging the importance of Christian instruction in intellectual education, blended harmoniously with the system which it is our great aim and end to pursue.

“In relation to the financial concerns of the Institution, the efforts of the Board have been mainly directed for the year to the collection of subscriptions and settlement of the debts. By the efforts of the Prudential Committee and the Financial Agent, seventeen thousand and thirty dollars and thirty-four cents have been paid of the debts of the Institution, during the past year. We have been greatly gratified and cheered to ascertain that a number of the old subscribers whose subscriptions we had despaired of collecting, have during the present year honorably come forward and redeemed their pledges—and we have reason to believe that our losses from bad subscriptions will be much less than we had been led to anticipate.

“The Board are happy to be able to inform the Synod that by an arrangement made with the principal creditors of the College, the permanency of the Institution has been secured, provided the Synod continues its fostering care. The Board have taken some steps to prepare the way for securing the support and the services of a Professor in the faculty of the College, from each of the States of Carolina and Alabama.

“The General Agent visited the Presbytery of South Carolina on this subject, and was providentially prevented from being present at the meeting of the other Presbyteries. The object was cordially entertained, so far as he was able to present it, and the opinion was expressed by the brethren that if the Synod would appoint a suitable man from Carolina to a Professorship, there would be no difficulty in raising his support.

“The President of the College made a rapid visit to Alabama in October, and met the three Presbyteries of that Synod. The Presbytery of Tuscaloosa, and the Presbytery of East Alabama, each, with great unanimity and cordiality, passed a resolution pledging itself to undertake to raise one third of the salary of an Alabama Professorship, provided each of the other Presbyteries would incur the same obligation.—The other Presbytery, (that of South Alabama,) in consequence of the small number present, there being a bare quorum for business, deemed it best to postpone final action on the subject until they could secure a fuller meeting at the meeting of Synod in January at Mobile. At the same time those present expressed their strong desire and their confident belief that their Presbytery would assume its full proportion of responsibility on the subject.

"The Board are happy to be able to say from the most authentic information that the Presbyterian Church of Alabama are fully prepared to unite with us in endowing a College to be under the care and support of the church.

"The Board would add to the foregoing statements that the Presbytery of Hopewell at their late session passed a resolution pledging themselves to endeavour to raise seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum, towards the support of a Georgia Professorship in our College.

"The Board ask the confirmation of the Synod of their appointment of J. H. Fitten as Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, and of John B. Mallard as Professor of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, also of the appointment of the Hon. C. B. Cole as Professor of Law and honorary member of the Faculty of the University.

"The Board are cheered in their efforts with the growing evidence of the increasing and strong conviction among the members of our communion of the imperative necessity of an Institution, under the care of the church, that shall combine the advantages of religious and intellectual instruction for the sons of the church, and that shall secure the supervision of religious instructors of our own views, in cultivating the hearts and guarding the morals of our youth, whilst, in utter inexperience exiled from the parental roof, and from the eye of the father, and the pastor, and that too at the most critical and perilous period of human life, while the passions are strong, and the character in many cases forming for time and eternity."

The Committee on the report of the Synodical Education Committee presented their report, which was accepted, and laid on the table.

The Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Goulding, asked leave of absence, which was granted, and Dr Leland was called to the chair.

Synod then had a recess to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Tenth Session.

Three o'clock, P. M.

Synod met.

The Committee on Finance presented their report, recommending an assessment on the several Presbyteries for printing the Minutes of Synod, \$63, and the Stated Clerk's salary, \$50, in all \$113, as follows, viz:

South Carolina Presbytery,	\$16 00
Harmony,	19 00
Bethel,	11 00
Hopewell,	19 00
Flint River,	14 00
Georgia,	11 00
Florida,	6 00
Charleston,	14 00
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The Committee on Finance further reported that there had been placed in their hands from the Rocky Creek church, by Rev. E. Cater, \$18 50. for the Education cause, and for the Contingent Fund of the Seminary, \$10 75.— Their report was concurred in.

The Committee on the Narrative presented their report, which was read, considered, and adopted, and is as follows :

NARRATIVE.

In giving to the churches a narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, it is deemed proper to embody the reports of those Presbyteries from which statements have been received, and to add thereto whatever information has been obtained in reference to other portions of the churches whose present condition has not been officially reported.

“The Presbytery of South Carolina say, that in reviewing the events of the past year, we can advert to many encouraging tokens of God’s goodness and favor to our beloved Zion, which ought to call forth our lively gratitude to the glorious Head of the Church, from whom proceeded all mercy and peace, and every good and perfect gift. Nor will we cease to lament, and call upon our brethren in the ministry to unite their sympathy and their prayers with ours, on account of the many counteracting causes which stand in the way of the greater success of the Gospel. We cannot record any special manifestation of Divine power in behalf of the churches among which we labor: but still have the happiness of witnessing the uninterrupted influence of the power and presence of our ascended Lord, in the hopeful conversion of numbers in the several churches; in the increased attention to the ordinances of the Gospel; the general increase in many of our churches of practical religion—and the improved attention, both by ministers and professors, to the important and responsible duties of catechetical and Sabbath School instruction. There is also an increasing interest felt for the cause

of Missions, both Foreign and Domestic. And a much deeper interest is generally manifested by most of our churches to promote, by their prayers and liberality, the education of a future ministry, to occupy the waste places of our Zion, and fill the places of those who must shortly remove from their present posts of duty, to join the general assembly of the redeemed, who have now rested from their labors. It is truly heart cheering to the way-worn soldier of the cross, to see no less than *nine* promising and pious young men; within the limits of this Presbytery, willing to encounter all the difficulties which environ the Minister of Christ at the present day, and dedicate themselves wholly to the holy office of the ministry. Yet along with these mercies we have some causes of humiliation and sorrow. Some of our churches are reported as deficient, in some degree, in vital religion, having more of the form of godliness than the power. Some are affected with a worldly and compromising spirit. In some of our churches, from their long having been accustomed to but a small portion of ministerial labor—or their ministers having labored in other employments to sustain themselves—the people have lost sight of the sacred obligation of supporting their ministers in any proportion to the ability which God has given them. In a very few churches there exists division and dissension.”

Hopewell Presbytery reports, that, “in His Providence, God has removed from the scene of his earthly labors one of our number, the Rev. William Quillin—whose increasing usefulness endeared him to many hearts, and whose triumphant death illustrated the power of redeeming grace.—That in those churches which enjoy pastoral labor, there is a regular attendance on the means of grace, and the number of their members is generally increasing. In some of those which are partially supplied with preaching, the interest on the subject of religion is growing—while others have been blessed with times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Upon several of the churches in the North Western portion of our bounds, God has poured out his Spirit, reviving and strengthening the graces of his children, and bringing sinners to the knowledge of the truth. A number have come out from the world, and connected themselves with the people of God, and many others are anxiously inquiring what they must do to be saved.

Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes are formed and successfully kept up in many of our churches; and some of our people are returning to the good old practice of imparting stated and regular catechetical instruction to the children of the congregation.

Temperance is rapidly increasing within our bounds.— Societies are established in almost all our congregations, and large accessions have been made to them during the last five months. We hail this reformation as one of the efficient meshes of purifying the morals of the community, and the precursor of better days to the church.

Our Missionary operations have been very much checked for want of funds. The cry for help comes up long and loud from our waste places and destitute churches, which are languishing for the "bread of life." But the only response in many cases is "be ye clothed and be ye fed." Men are wanted to preach the Gospel, but funds are not raised to support them, though "the harvest is plenteous, the laborers are few." And while we fervently pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into his harvest, we would also look unto him to open the hearts of his people to contribute of their substance to advance his cause."

The Presbytery of Georgia says—"In noticing the state of religion in the Presbyterian Church in Savannah, a brief account of the remarkable work of grace in that city, the last spring, may be interesting to you, although not immediately connected with our Presbytery, especially as we believe no account has been published of it.

Col. Wm. W. Gordon—an individual whose death was justly considered a loss to the State,—died, in Savannah, the last spring. In the prime of life, in the midst of his usefulness, from an affectionate and wide spread circle of relations and friends, he was, after a short illness, called into eternity. He had been under serious impressions for months previous to his last illness, and in the judgment of friends who communicated with him, and witnessed the closing scene of his life, he died in hope of a blessed immortality. The death of Col. Gordon, connected as he was with public Institutions, and so universally known and respected, and that death so unlooked for, produced a great impression upon the city itself. It awakened many to the reality of death, of judgment, and of eternity. An immense assemblage, of all classes and conditions, followed him to the house appointed for all the living. At his grave—when all hearts were softened and opened to impression—the Rev. J. C. Stiles, of Kentucky, then on a visit to Savannah, delivered an address, of the most powerful and moving kind. He showed what death did to man—it turned him *out of the body*; it turned him *out of the world*; it turned him *over into the hands of God*; it turned him *over to the retributions of eternity*. That assemblage retired, many of them solemnly, deeply impressed.

These impressions were followed up by Mr. Stiles, in

private interviews with individuals. Shortly after, such was the appearance of things, a series of meetings was commenced in the Independent Presbyterian Church, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. Preston. The ministers of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist churches, assisted; Mr Stiles continuing to labor with them. The seriousness pervaded Dr. Preston's church and congregation—it extended to all denominations in a greater or less degree in the city; and in the history of the city, perhaps, there never has been known a greater attention to religion, at any one period. Persons from every class in society, and almost from every faith, were impressed, and, in the judgment of charity, converted. The Baptists held a protracted meeting—the Methodist did likewise—and the Presbytery of Georgia met, for a few days, in the 1st Presbyterian church, during the continuance of the seriousness in the city.

There were about this time some remarkable efforts in favor of *Temperance*—a cause which, previously, had made but feeble progress. The Catholics originated a Society. The Unitarians also; and the old Societies were awakened to renewed effort. This movement prepared the way more perfectly for the truth. Not to dwell further upon details, the result of this effusion of Divine grace, has been an accession of between forty and sixty to the Independent Presbyterian church—a large accession to the Baptist Church—accessions to the Methodist and Episcopal churches—and also to the 1st Presbyterian church. The congregation of this last mentioned church, is not large, and comparing the additions on profession of faith, with the number of impenitent persons in the congregation, it is evident that it has enjoyed an equal share of divine influence with the other churches.

To proceed with the particular matter of this communication, we would add in relation to the 1st Presbyterian Church, Savannah, that since the revival last spring, there have been some additions, and the general interest of the church in all meetings, both on the Sabbath and in the week, has been good.

The church in Bryan, loses a large portion of its congregation in the summer. But during the summer, and the present time, the worship on the Sabbath and the prayer meetings in the week, in different neighborhoods, are attended with seriousness and profit—and we can fairly say that there was a most decided attention to religion which resulted in an accession of numbers large for the congregation.

The influence of the revival last winter, on the Congregational Church, in Liberty County, over which two members of Presbytery preside as Pastors, is seen at the present time;

and the members of the church are looking forward with pleasant anticipations to the religious privileges of the approaching winter, when families shall return to their plantations, and a fuller congregation be gathered in their own house of worship.

An imperfect sketch of the work of grace in Savannah is given, but we hope some one of the members will prepare a more digested account for the encouragement of God's people.

Our information of the state of religion in the church at Darien, is encouraging; and the minister of that church, the Rev. John Winn, now supplies that church, as well as that on Harris' Neck, in McIntosh county, at which last place there have been recent and happy additions to the Church, and very pleasant meetings. Labours among the coloured people in this vicinity are pursued, and the intention is to enlarge them. The church at St. Mary's has exhibited an active and interesting state, and the religious interests of that community are in as prosperous a state as for several years. There have been several seasons of the refreshing influences of God's grace in the churches, and additions to them -- Evening prayer meetings have been freely attended, and the services of the Sabbath have been fully supported. The Sabbath School is marked by attention, and numbers of children are under instruction, by a sufficient amount of active teachers. In this church the religious instruction of the people of color is sustained. The church at Linton Grove is without a pastor, or stated supply of preaching, and no report has been made to the Presbytery. The same remarks are to be made as to the church at Waynesville, and all the information we derive of these churches is from the Rev. Mr. Baird, who has endeavored to serve them, so far as his time and engagements will allow.

The church at St. Augustine has a partial supply of the ministry of the Word, through the labors of the Rev. Mr. Axtel, (admitted to this Presbytery at their sessions,) and we have the pleasure to state, that although there are many discouragements, there have been special evidences of conversion, which seemed to awaken and encourage the minister and people.

From a place in East Florida, called Mandarin, where there is a Presbyterian house of worship, no report has been received.

We consider the labors of the Rev. C. C. Jones, of Liberty County, among the colored population, as never to be omitted in a Narrative of the State of Religion, not only for the purpose of keeping the subject before the members of the Church, but to demonstrate that the happiest results can be

accomplished by personal and well directed labors. Our personal observation, as well as the general testimony, assure us that much can be done by preaching, by oral teaching in Sabbath Schools, and by bearing the Gospel to them in every situation in which they are accessible.

We consider the consolidated statements to be drawn from this Narrative to be more strongly indicative of revivals in our churches, than for some years past, where there have been regular ministrations of the Word.

The cause of Sabbath Schools is reported as occupying a deep interest in the affections of the Church, and many instances of conversion among the youth that have been taught in them, are stated.

The church at Savannah records a number in the course of this year.

The system of Prayer Meetings and Bible Classes is evidently becoming more settled and permanent, and promises the most happy results.

We record a general attention to the Temperance cause, and feel assured that the community, from which we have reports, has decided that the efforts to promote Temperance will be sustained.

We feel that were it possible, we ought to occupy more ground, and extend our labors to destitute churches; but such are our distances from each other, and the sparseness of the population, that we cannot spare the time even to perform these duties.

We feel that we owe sincere devotion to the Great Head of the Church for the blessings he has bestowed upon us since our last report to the Synod.

The Presbytery of Harmony say: "While it is not our privilege to speak of general revivals of religion in our churches, yet we believe that the Great Head of the Church has not left us without some cheering evidence of His divine presence and blessing.

To almost all our Churches there have been some accessions. In two or three, the number added has been considerable. If these additions have not been as numerous as in times past, yet they afford some evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit, plucking sinners as brands from the burning.

In all our churches provision has been made for the instruction of the colored people—comfortable accommodations are afforded them, and, in many, the pastor is allowed to devote the afternoon of the Sabbath *especially to their instruction*—a practice which we would urge all the rest to adopt, in order that this important duty may be duly attended to without over-burdening your pastors. We are pleased to notice

from statements made to Presbytery, that the largest number of additions made to the churches have been from the colored population. In this fact we have pleasing testimony, that the efforts made in behalf of this part of our population has not been in vain; but that they can be reached by the Gospel; and, by the blessing of God on the means of grace, be made heirs to an inheritance which is incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

Bible Class, Sabbath School, and Catechetical instructions have been attended to, to some extent, in all our churches. And if we have not been permitted to see the immediate fruits of these labors, yet we cannot but hope that the seed sown in these nurseries of instruction will spring up and yield a precious harvest.

The different objects of benevolence which have claims upon us, have received a share of our support; though by no means in proportion to our ability, or the extent of these claims.

We are pleased and encouraged, as, from week to week we meet our respective charges in the house of God, to find a general good attendance, together with a respectful, and, in many instances, we hope, serious attention to the preached Gospel.

There seems to be, in some of our churches, a visible improvement in the state of religion among the members.—Where harmony was interrupted it has been restored, and they are now walking together in the fellowship of the Gospel. Family prayer, (too much neglected in all our churches,) has, in some instances, been commenced, where it had been wholly neglected.

With two or three exceptions, our Ministers sustain the pastoral relation to their respective charges. This is an encouraging feature, and one which, we think, augurs well for the spiritual prosperity of this portion of our Zion.

As a Presbytery, we are endeavouring to extend our influence, by missionary operations. We have had, during the past year, two missionaries laboring within our bounds, and are endeavoring to sustain them. The reports of these missionaries are truly encouraging. One of them reports, among other interesting particulars, the organization of a church called Reedy Creek consisting of thirty-two members.

But notwithstanding these things, the success which has attended our efforts, is not such as our hearts could desire. The numbers added to our churches have been comparatively few; and, as the disciples of Christ, we have not exerted the influence we should, in building up the Redeemer's kingdom. In view of the whole, then, we feel called upon, as Ministers and Elders, to increased humiliation and prayer before God;

and we are all admonished to greater diligence, fidelity, and perseverance, in the discharge of the great work committed to our trust. Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received of the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

The Presbytery of Bethel report—"That the stated means of grace have been observed as usual; and we have reason to adore the Great Head of the Church that, under the direction of the Divine Spirit, they have not been altogether without those effects which we are warranted by the gracious promises of the Scripture to expect from them. By them the churches, as we trust, "have been edified, walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost." One of our churches, (that under the pastoral charge of Rev. J. Douglas,) has, in the distinguishing grace of God, been blessed with a refreshing season, during which thirteen were added; and further fruits are yet expected to be gathered.—A church, on petition of citizens of Yorkville, has been organized in that place; which at first consisted of only thirteen members, but to which twelve have since been added. This church is in the ministerial charge of Rev. Ferdinand Jacobs, who, a short time previous to its organization, had been received a member of this Presbytery on certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Baltimore. The congregation at Yorkville worship in a neat building which they have recently erected. The pastoral relation between Rev. John B. Davies and Fishing Creek church, has been dissolved; the church declared vacant, and Mr. Davies dismissed to join the Presbytery of Concord, N. C. The pastoral relation between Rev. James R. Gilland and Waxhaw and Lancaster churches, has been dissolved, and the churches declared vacant. A call from Fishing Creek for the pastoral labors of Rev. Mr. Giliand, has been placed in his hands for his consideration. Mount Pleasant church, on application of its members, has been dissolved, and its members directed to seek connexion with the neighboring churches. Three Candidates for the Ministry of the Gospel have been received under our care, making the number, in all, five—one of whom is a Beneficiary, and supported by the contributions of the Presbytery. Rev. Lupton W. Curtis has been ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist, the Presbytery feeling warranted in *thus* ordaining him, from the fact that the ground which he occupies is strictly missionary ground. In accordance with the resolution of the Assembly in regard to such cases, letters have been sent to two Licentiates of other Presbyteries, who are living within our bounds, inviting them to seek connexion with this Presbytery.

The Temperance cause has, during the past year, received

a new impetus. Old societies have been re-organized, new societies formed, and large numbers of members added.—Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, and Catechetical Classes, receive the usual degree of attention.

During, the past summer the region of country embraced within our bounds, has been visited with a desolating scourge. It would seem that God has a controversy with us—and He has chastised us sorely. We would bow in humble submission to the Divine will and say, “It is the Lord; let him do as seemeth him good;” and pray that by it the people may be brought to repentance, and his children, and we ourselves, to greater faithfulness in the discharge of duty. By the disease which has prevailed, many of our church members have been removed—we trust while taken from the church militant to be added to the church triumphant. Many of the ungodly too, have been called to their last account. Will God look in mercy upon the people? “Oh, that they were wise—that they would understand this!”

The Presbytery of Flint River has presented no written report—But from verbal statements, we learn that the state of the churches is increasingly prosperous, and that some of them have enjoyed special effusions of the Divine Spirit.—The want of more ministers in that extensive field is severely felt; but still our brethren there have great encouragement in the harmony and success with which they are prosecuting their arduous labors.

From the Presbytery of Charleston, in the absence of any official report, we learn that the churches are generally in a prosperous state, and that in several of them special tokens of the Redeemer's presence have been enjoyed. The claims of Foreign Missions, of education for the Ministry, and of Sunday School instruction, have, as usual, drawn forth liberal appropriations and active efforts;—And the cause of Temperance has achieved signal triumphs.

In the Presbytery of Florida, according to the verbal reports made to Synod, there is much to deplore and much to animate and encourage. It is to be lamented that in the extensive territory which it occupies, containing so many infant churches, there should be so few to break the bread of life to such multitudes. While it is a matter of the most devout gratitude that where the privileges of a stated ministry have been enjoyed, and even where the worship of our church has been conducted by the Eldership, a divine blessing has been graciously bestowed.

From a review of these reports from the several Presbyteries, our attention is arrested by the following particulars. While some of our churches are afflicted with lamentable

divisions, there is still under such discouraging circumstances, a cheering evidence of the divine favor, in the efficacy of the means of grace, and in the conversion of precious souls.

Another remarkable fact which should not be passed unnoticed, is the blessed effect of the faithful labors of the Eldership, in maintaining public worship, in the absence of a Minister. We cannot fail to regard this as a gracious intimation to our Elders generally, of the willingness of the Great Head of the Church to own and bless their labors. If our Elders, generally, would perform their solemn covenanted duty in this respect, and keep all our vacant churches open every Sabbath, we cannot doubt the effect throughout our whole bounds would be as life from the dead. And the Synod feel constrained to call the attention of the Elders of our churches in this matter, and solemnly to enjoin upon them this most important part of their official duty. The continuance of negligence in this matter, after such a token of encouragement, must be most ungrateful and offensive to God.

The labours of our ministers generally have been more devoted to the blacks, than formerly; and in one Presbytery with the most signal success.

The triumphs of Temperance, during the year, have everywhere been auspicious to the cause.

We have to mourn over a sad diminution of liberality in the cause of Missions. While it is evident that the pressure of the times require retrenchment, we must believe it wholly unwarrantable and unscriptural to extend such retrenchment to our offerings to the Lord.

May we not justly apprehend the frowns of the Great Head of the Church while we continue so cold hearted and negligent as to the great work of evangelising the world.—And can we expect the tokens of the manifested presence of the Redeemer in our churches while we do so little in obedience to his ascending injunction, preach the Gospel to every creature. Have we not reason to dread that our languishing and formal state will continue—and that our desolation will even increase until we are roused to active effort and earnest prayer and liberal benefaction in reference to this glorious cause.

From various parts of our widely extended territory, we have painful statements of the destitution of ministers. From many a flock without a shepherd, the Macedonian cry is heard. And it is still more deplorable that so many of our Pastors find it necessary to divide their labors among several congregations; and, in many instances, from the criminal negligence which exists as to the support of the ministry, feel themselves compelled to resort to secular employments for

sustenance. Surely such a state of things imposes most solemn obligations on all our churches to unite in earnest and importunate prayer to the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers—to make such provision for all our ministers as to enable them to give themselves wholly to their great work—and to make concerted, vigorous efforts to give missionary aid to the destitute.

Our Theological Seminary enjoys more encouraging prospects than heretofore. The number of candidates for the ministry within our bounds is evidently increasing. The students in that School of the Prophets will be nearly or quite double this year in comparison with the last. And in all respects the report of the present condition of the Seminary and of the character and deportment of the students is highly satisfactory and cheering to all its friends.

It is also exceedingly gratifying to know that our University is in so flourishing a condition—that it is nearly free from former embarrassments, that the prospect of its entire endowment is so animating and that the high and ardent hopes of its liberal patrons, and of the churches generally, are so happily fulfilled. When these two beloved Institutions, so necessary to each other, so vitally important to our church, shall be enabled by the favor and liberality of our Southern Zion, and the divine blessing, to accomplish the great purposes of their establishment—they will become fortresses of spiritual strength and fountains of blessings to our churches. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be gladdened by them, and the desert blossom as the rose.

The reports from the Presbyteries as to Sunday schools, represent them as being in a flourishing condition in many churches—and wherever they exist and are well conducted, they continue to be, as they have always been, nurseries for the churches.”

Synod proceeded to the election of Trustees for Oglethorpe University, and Messrs. Petrie and Cater were appointed to collect the votes and declare the result.

Overture No. 3 was taken up, which related to the reference of the marriage question of a man with his deceased wife's sister, to the General Assembly, that they may send down to the Presbyteries a proposition to alter the Constitution touching this subject.

The subject, after some discussion, was indefinitely postponed.

The report of the Committee on Education was taken up, and the committee's report to whom it was referred was adopted, and is as follows :

“The committee on the report of the Education Committee, for the assistance of young men in their Theological course, would state that they find the accounts accurately kept and vouched, and the whole course of the Committee characterized by correctness and energy. They recommend therefore that the report, together with the Treasurer’s Account, be accepted and approved; that the thanks of Synod be given to them for their fidelity to their trust; that they be requested to continue their services, and to use every possible effort to meet the augmented demands made upon us by the increasing number of Beneficiaries; and that while grateful to God for having put it into the heart of these young men to seek the office of the Ministry, the roll be now called, and the members of Synod called upon to state what they can do during the coming year, to meet the claims which God in his Providence is now urging upon us.”

The roll was called, and there were definite pledges to the amount of more than \$2,000, to be received during the year. Others will no doubt contribute their aid.

The cordial thanks of the Synod were tendered to the citizens of Athens for their hospitality to the members of this body, during their present meeting—and that Drs. Hoyt and Church be requested to communicate the same to them in the manner they may deem most proper.

Remittances to the Education cause are requested to be made to the Committee in Columbia, William Law, Esq., Treasurer.

The committee on the report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions presented their report, which was read and accepted.

It was then moved to publish the report of the Executive Committee, and distribute it among all our churches. But before the question was taken the committee appointed to receive and count the votes for Trustees of Oglethorpe University, reported that the following members had been elected for three years, viz: Dr. Goulding, N. A. Pratt, J. W. Baker, Hon. C. B. Cole, M. Grieve, R. J. Nichols, J. L. Harris, and J. S. Thomas—and Rev. G. H. W. Petrie for two years.

Synod then had a recess to meet at 7 o’clock this evening.

Eleventh Session.

Seven o’clock, P. M.

Synod met.

Overture No. 5, was taken up, which was to attach the ministers and churches in Fairfield District to the Presbytery of Bethel, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions, was then taken up.

It was then moved that the report of the Executive Committee, with the report of the committee on that report, be committed to the Executive Committee to be modified, according to the views expressed in Synod, and then published and distributed among the churches, in the Appendix to the Minutes.

It was then moved and adopted, that the Executive Committee of Missions be continued another year.

Resolved, That the answer to the Overture of Bethel Presbytery in 1838, so far as relates to the Independent Presbyterians, otherwise known as the followers of the late W. C. Davis, be rescinded.

The Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University reported that they had unanimously elected the Rev. D. McNeil Turner of South Carolina, Professor of Ancient Languages, (in the place of S. S. Davis resigned on the South Carolina Professorship,) and fixed his salary at \$1500, and asked the Synod to confirm the appointment. This request was granted.

The committee appointed last year to confer on the subject of the union of the Theological Seminaries at the South, presented their report, showing that the object had failed.

Mr. Gildersleeve and Mr. Smyth were appointed a committee of publication, with instructions to have five hundred copies of the Minutes printed in the usual form and distributed among the ministers and churches.

Synod then adjourned to meet in the city of Augusta, on the Thursday before the first Sabbath in December, 1843, at half past 6 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer, and the benediction.

A. W. IELAND, *Moderator, pro tem.*

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM DEARING, Esq. President.
REV. CHARLES C. JONES, Vice-President.
REV. B. GILDERSLEEVE, Secretary.
WILLIAM LAW, (Columbia,) Treasurer.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Directors for Three Years.

MINISTERS.—C. C. Jones, D. Humphreys, I. S. K. Axson, S. K. Talmage, J. Douglass, and John Jones.

LAYMEN.—G. T. Snowden, of Columbia; Hugh Wilson, of Wadmalaw; W. L. Mitchell, of Athens; and D. C. Campbell, of Macon.

For Two Years.

MINISTERS.—J. H. Thornwell, G. H. W. Petrie, J. S. Wilson, S. Donnelly, T. R. English, N. Hoyt, D. D.

LAYMEN.—Job Johnson of Newbury, S. C.; Wm. Shear, Augusta, Ga.; Gen. J. N. Whitner, of Anderson, S. C.; and Dr. Glenn.

For One Year.

MINISTERS.—B. Gildersleeve, A. Church, D. D., D. M'Neil Turner, T. Smyth, D. Humphreys, and B. M. Palmer, Jr.

LAYMEN.—William Dearing, E. A. Nisbet, B. King, and Dr. T. Wells.

FACULTY.

Rev. G. HOWE, D. D., Professor of Biblical Literature.

Rev. A. W. LELAND, D. D., Professor of Christian Theology.

—————, Professor of Church History and Polity.

Athens, Ga. 16th Nov. 1842, }
7 o'clock P. M. }

Four of the Directors, viz: B. Gildersleeve, Sec'ry, A. Church, D. D., N. Hoyt, D. D. and T. Smyth, met, according to adjournment; but as a quorum was not present, they adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary.

Friday Evening—7 o'clock.

The Board met at the call of the Secretary. Present, B. Gildersleeve, A. Church, D. D., Thos. Smyth, S. Donnelly, J. S. Wilson, G. T. Snowden, W. Shear, G. H. W. Petrie, and N. Hoyt, D. D.

The President and Vice-President, both being absent, the Rev. Dr. Church was called to the chair.

The meeting was then opened with prayer.

A Committee of Audits was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Wilson and Petrie.

A committee of Ways and Means, consisting of Dr. Church, Messrs. Snowden, Shear, Wilson and Petrie.

A Committee of Laws and Regulations, consisting of Messrs. Smyth, Donnelly, and Dr. Hoyt.

A Committee on the Library, consisting of Messrs. Smyth and Donnelly

A Committee on Buildings, consisting of Messrs. Snowden and Gildersleeve.

The Treasurer's Report, and also the Reports of Mr. Snowden, Mr. Dearing, and Mr. Jones, of the Investing Committee, were received and referred to the Committee of Audits; and afterwards to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Professors' Report was received and referred to the Committee of Laws and Regulations.

The Librarian's report was received and referred to the Committee on the Library.

The Board then had a recess to meet at the call of the Secretary.

Monday, Nov. 21—7 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met at the call of the Secretary. The President pro tem, Dr. Church, in the chair.

The Secretary reported to the Board that the Synod had this day elected as Directors for three years: *Ministers*—C. C. Jones, D. Humphreys, I. S. K. Axson, S. K. Talmage, John Douglas, and John Jones;—*Laymen*—G. T. Snowden, of Columbia, H. Watson, of Wadmalaw, W. I. Mitchell, of Athens, and D. C. Campbell, of Macon;—and for one year,

in place of Dr. McDowell, and S. S. Davis; removed, D. McN. Turner, and B. M. Palmer, jun.

The members of the Board, who are present this evening, are as follows, viz: A. Church, D. D. President pro tem; B. Gildersleeve, Secretary; Rev. J. S. Wilson. J. Douglass, S. Donnelly, J. Jones, D. C. Campbell, W. L. Mitchell, Rev. S. K. Talmage.

The committee on the Librarian's report, presented their Report, which was accepted and adopted; and the amount of \$10 60 cts. was ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Laws and regulations returned the report of the Professors, without submitting any recommendations; and it was read for the information of the Board.

Three members of the Board, viz: Messrs. Gildersleeve, Donnelly, and Snowden, stated to the Board that they had attended the last annual examination, and in the main were gratified with the exercises of the occasion.

Touching the literary qualifications of the students, it was recommended to the Professors carefully to examine the students who may apply for admission into the Seminary, as to their fitness to enter upon Theological studies; and that the constitution in this respect, as well as in every other, be carried into effect.

Messrs. Church, Talmage, and Mitchell, were appointed a committee to confer with the Professors upon this point.

The Committee of Ways and Means presented their report, which was read and accepted.

Mr. B. M. Palmer, jr. one of the members elected by the Synod, appeared in the Board and took his seat as a member.

The Rev. C. C. Jones, in a communication to the Board, positively declined acting as an agent of the Board any longer. His resignation was accepted, and the thanks of the Board were tendered to Mr. Jones for his past services on their behalf.

Col. D. C. Campbell, was then appointed the investing Agent for the funds of the Seminary in the low country of Georgia, in the place of the Rev. C. C. Jones, resigned.

Mr. Jas. McDowell and Mr. John Moore, of Augusta, were appointed an Investing Committee for the funds, the evidences of which are now in the hands of the President, Wm. Dearing, Esq. of Charleston.

The Executive Committee of last year was re-appointed, and invested with plenary powers to dispose of the lot adjoining the Seminary lot at such a price as they may deem equitable.

The standing Building Committee were re-appointed, and authorized to repair the fences on the premises of the Seminary.

The thanks of the Board were tendered to Wm. Law Esq., their Treasurer, for his disinterested and faithful services to the Institution.

The Board then had a recess to meet at the call of the Secretary.

Tuesday, Nov. 22d—9½ o'clock, A. M.

The Board met, when the following report was submitted and adopted, and ordered to be laid before Synod :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

“The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary would report to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, that they have devoted all the attention which they could since they have been together, to the interests of the Institution.

The internal state of the Seminary may be known, in part, from the Report of the Professors, who say that

‘During the year which has passed, since the last meeting of the Board, the affairs of the Seminary have been conducted with order and regularity. The Professors have been constantly at their posts, excepting a brief absence of one of them to attend the General Assembly, and have enjoyed such health as to enable them to discharge their several duties uninterruptedly. The established routine of Lectures, studies, exercises in composition and speaking, of weekly meetings for forensic debate and declamation, of sermonizing, and Professor’s weekly conference, has been observed.—The duties of the vacant Professorship have been equally shared and regularly performed.

The Students have enjoyed almost uninterrupted health, have pursued their studies with commendable diligence, have complied with the rules and regulations of the Seminary, and, in their example and deportment, have maintained a christian character.

During the year, three of the Students have been licensed to preach the Gospel, by their respective Presbyteries, and have entered upon the field of active labor—viz : Z. L. Holmes, George C. Logan, and A. A. Porter.

Since the commencement of the present term, the following eight new Students have entered the Junior Class, viz—George W. Boggs, S. S. Gaillard, J. Henderson, J. B. Hillhouse, J. R. M’Carter, John McLees, Henry Newton, and J. W. Quarterman. In addition to these, it is fully expected that several others will unite with the Junior Class. The number in the upper classes is now twelve—making the whole number in the institution, twenty.”

Confirmatory, in part, of the above report, three Directors, viz: B. Gildersleeve, S. Donnelly, and G. T. Snowden attended the annual examination of the students at the close of the term in July, which lasted two whole days. The examination was very credible both to the Professors and the Students; and so were also the written exercises of the students, which were committed to memory, and delivered in the seminary building, in the presence of an audience of the citizens of Columbia. But while these Directors are ready to express in general terms their gratification at the evidences of proficiency exhibited, they in common with the other Directors, are apprehensive that the Presbyteries are too hasty in sending some of their students to the Seminary, with too little previous preparation—and thus there is danger that the standard of literary qualifications for the ministry will be lowered rather than elevated. To guard against this, let it come from whatever source it may, the Directors have taken measures, and insist upon the rigid enforcement of the constitutional provision touching the qualifications of students entering the Seminary; and this will, no doubt, be a relief to the Professors.

From the Librarian's Report, we learn

“The Library of the Seminary shews an increase this year of 136 volumes beyond the report of preceding years. The whole number of volumes, including a number of periodicals not yet bound, is 3,920. Add to this the Library of the Society of Inquiry respecting Missions, amounting to 160 volumes, and the whole number of volumes belonging to the Institution, is 4,080.

A number of the books in the Library require binding, to save them from destruction.

A duplicate set of the Bampton Lectures has been ordered for the College Library in Columbia, which is offered at cost to the Seminary. It is difficult to obtain these Lectures *complete*. They are in fifty-four volumes, 8vo., well bound in calf, and cost twenty-nine pounds sterling. A copy of Schliermacher's Theological Works, in eight or ten volumes, and Du Caug's Glossarium Imprimæ Latinitatis, are also offered. These books would be valuable to us, particularly the first.

“If the Board felt themselves able to furnish the Library with a complete set of all the text books used in the Seminary, in a sufficient number to supply all the Students, it would be a matter of great importance to their advancement. A Student often struggles on without the adequate helps, through motives of economy, or inability to procure the books desirable for him to use. The cost of a sufficient number of these text books would not exceed over \$300.

Mr. Stillman has acted as Assistant Librarian during the last year, and kept the books and Library room in excellent order."

But the Committee to whom the foregoing report on the Library was referred, state, and in whose statement the Board have concurred—

"That the Report is defective, in not giving the details concerning the alleged increase of the Library, with the names of the donors, which ought in every case to be reported to the Board for the encouragement of others.

They regret also to learn that the names of the donors is not inserted in the Catalogue, opposite to the names of the books presented by them, or in the proper book kept for this purpose, and they recommend that this measure be carried out in future, and as far as is practicable, completed as to the past.

They would not recommend that the books to be bound be sent to the North for many reasons, but that they be bound either in Columbia or Charleston, on the most moderate terms.

They would recommend that, if possible, the complete set of the Bampton Lectures be procured, and the requisite number of sets of the Text Books, for the use of the Students, be furnished. And since the present resources of the Board do not warrant such an outlay, they would suggest the propriety of some special effort on the part of the Professors, or by collections in the several churches, to raise the necessary funds."

From the Standing Building Committee's Report, in the recommendations of which the Board have concurred, it can be known what is absolutely needed to keep every thing in proper repair—They say:

"The only expenses as to the buildings and premises of the Seminary, which we regard as absolutely necessary, for the coming year, are the following:—The fences all round the Seminary lot, are in a very decaying, falling condition. For ten or twelve dollars, judiciously expended, such repairs can be made as to preserve the fences from prostration for another year. After that an entire new fence will be indispensable.

In the Seminary building some benches and writing tables are necessary to furnish a second Lecture Room, and to supply sufficient seats in the chapel. Probably these might cost twenty-five or thirty dollars."

In relation to the funds, the Treasurer's Report shows that the receipts from various sources, for the year, and also the disbursements, have amounted to

	\$3,962 13
And that on the 1st of Jan. next, there will be due	
to the Professors to the amount of	1,476 50

These accounts have been audited, and found correct, and

the thanks of the Board have been tendered to Mr. Law for his faithful, laborious, and gratuitous services.

Donations to the Seminary appear to have been made during the year only to the amount of \$288 44; and this from three churches and two individuals in South Carolina.

The Investments of the Seminary are as follows :

Invested in Georgia, per Mr. Dearing's report,	\$13,226 57
Ditto, per Rev. C. C. Jone's report,	18,090 03
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	\$31,316 60
Investment in South Carolina as per last year's report,	28,682 92
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	\$59,999 51

Scholarships.

1. Lanneau Scholarship, original cost,	\$3,000 00
2. The Nephew Scholarship,	2,500 00
3. The Scholarship of the Congregational and Presbyterian Female Education Society of Charleston,	2,500 00
4. The Telfair Timothy Scholarship, founded by Mrs. Timothy, available in 3 or 4 years, which will be as soon as the Estate is wound up,	2,500 00—10,500 00
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	\$70,499 52

From the Report of the Committee of Ways and Means, it would appear that to support the current expenses of the coming year, there is now, and will be due from the various investments, the sum of \$4,516 56

But taking the receipts of the last year as the standard, viz :	
From the investments in Georgia,	\$1,710 60
“ “ “ South Carolina,	1,891 77
And Donations,	248 44
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	\$3,750 81

There will be a deficiency to meet the Professors' salaries, and leave nothing for the increase of the Library and other contingent expenses—showing the greater need of following out the suggestions of the committee on the Librarian's Report.

The Committee of Ways and Means state in their Report, which the Board have accepted and concurred in, that “If the interest on the Georgia funds now and to become due in the course of the present year, were paid, there would be ample funds to meet the regular claims on the Treasury, and a surplus of more than \$1000, over and above, to meet any other claim, and which might be applied towards the extinguish-

ment of the debt due for interest to Mrs. Hall. Instead of this it is probable that there will be a deficiency on the receipts to meet the salaries of the Professors; and your Committee recommend that in such case the Treasurer be authorized to make a temporary loan from the Bank, to meet punctually said claim."

Necessity thus compelling the Board to ask a loan, as a temporary relief—which they hope will be only needed for a short time; yet they are not without their apprehensions, in consequence of deaths, where monies have been invested, that the ensuing year will be one of more than ordinary pressure, and in which the aid of the churches in behalf of their beloved Seminary, will have to be sought. This, we hope, will be cheerfully afforded.

The Executive Committee have been authorized to dispose of the lot of land situated at the East of the Seminary buildings, whenever they can obtain a purchaser, which, in their judgment will give for it its real value—and invest the proceeds in profitable funds.

The Board regret to state that the Rev. C. Colcock Jones, has resigned his trust as investing Agent for the funds, in the lower part of Georgia. For the services that he has rendered, which the Board know how to appreciate, they have tendered him their unfeigned thanks; and as he is still a member of the Board, he will continue to render all the services which he can, without incurring the responsibility which has attended his former position.

In his place they have appointed Col. D. C. Campbell, of Macon, who is duly authorized to take the charge of all the papers and specialties connected with the investments, which have till now been managed by Mr. Jones.

The Board also knowing the anxiety which Wm. Dearing, Esq., their President, manifested last year, to be discharged from the responsibility of managing the funds in his hands, particularly as he had removed to Charleston, and the investments requiring that they should receive more attention than he could conveniently give them, the Board, for his relief, have appointed a committee in his place, resident in Augusta, viz. : James McDowell and John Moore, Esqrs. to whom the charge of these funds will hereafter be given—At the same time expressing their cordial thanks to Mr. Dearing for his former services, and regretting his absence, and the want of his judicious counsel at the present meeting.

Before closing their report, the Board would request Synod to propose the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the anticipated deficiency of funds necessary to meet the current expenses of the coming

year, and for the increase of the Library, the churches within their bounds be requested to take up a collection at an early day.

The Board do not desire the Synod to *enjoin*, but merely to *request* it, fully confident that the friends of the Institution will not suffer it to languish for the want of a little aid. This aid, we are persuaded, will be cheerfully rendered as a thank-offering for the good which this Institution has been the instrument of promoting. Not that we desire of them a gift, but fruit which shall abound to their account.

The only apology which we make for this rather defective report, arises from the very little time which the Board have been together, and from the fact that, owing to the inclemency of the weather, a quorum was not together till two days after the appointed time of meeting.

Our thanks are due to the Great Head of the Church for the smiles which he has bestowed upon our effort to promote the kingdom of Christ—and our prayers should still ascend for the continuance of his blessing.”

The Board then had a recess to meet at the call of the Secretary.

Wednesday, Nov. 23—10 o'clock, A.M.

The Board met.

The Professors were directed so to arrange the studies of the Institution that the course on Theology shall be continued in the third year.

Appropriations were made as usual for the current expenses of the Seminary.

They then adjourned to meet in the city of Augusta, on the Thursday before the 1st Sabbath of Dec. 1843, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Concluded with prayer.

B. GILDERSLEEVE, Secretary.

REPORT

Of the Executive Committee, to whom was committed the subject of Foreign Missions, to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, in November, 1842.

As no agency was contemplated during the past year, in consequence of the difficulty of procuring a suitable individual, and the embarrassed state of the times, your Committee had little more to do than to oversee and direct the funds raised within the bounds of our Synod, and from time to time to present the subject of Foreign Missions to the attention of the Churches, through the Charleston Observer.

We were called upon last year to notice the lamentable decrease in the funds raised within the bounds of this Synod, for the diffusion of the knowledge of salvation throughout the world. The resolutions of this Synod at its previous meeting having been then brought to the view of the Churches, it was remarked, that "the duty of observing the Monthly Concert, and of taking up collections in aid of our Missionary operations, was thus solemnly enjoined upon the consciences of our Ministers, Elders, and Church members. Thus covenanted to God, and to each other—thus committed to the work and cause of Christ in the Missionary field—thus pledged before the world to do all we could during the coming year—what is the report now to be made to our own consciences, to the Church, to the world, and to our God? By the Treasurer's account, herewith presented, it appears that while the receipts of the last year had fallen off one half from the preceding year, the income of the present year amounts only to the sum of \$2,250 20, together with \$755 10, reported to the General Board directly, and making a sum total of \$3011 30."

It was then stated that collections taken up at the Monthly Concert, were reported from only ten Churches; and other collections only from thirty-four out of some one hundred and eighty of our Churches. It was also shewn that, even according to the average amount contributed by the churches that rendered any assistance to the cause, if all the churches would do their duty, the income for this work would be \$25,000, instead of three.

“Such,” it was then remarked, and after solemn deliberation published to the world, in the Minutes of this Synod, “such then is the contrast between our solemn resolutions and our practical doings. Such the position in which we are placed this day before God and the world. Such the regard manifested by Presbyterian Ministers and Churches to the authoritative injunctions of this ecclesiastical judicatory, and to the imperative obligations imposed by the God of heaven. How this state of things is to be reconciled with a professed attachment to the principles of Presbyterianism, or how it can possibly consist with love and subjection to the Lord Jesus Christ, and a true regard to his glorious cause, your Committee are altogether at a loss to conjecture. Verily we are this day condemned by our own words and doings, and God is greater than our hearts and knoweth all things. We are surely called to deep repentance and shame, and humiliation before God; and what can we say to those who taunt us with our apathy and deadness? What answer can our 180 churches—our Ministers, Elders, and Church members, give to the undeniable claim which this cause as urged by God, and the positive resolutions of this body, has upon their co-operation and assistance?”

“The above report was adopted by the Synod, and also the following resolutions :

“*Resolved*, 1st. That this Synod has learned with the deepest shame and regret that so little has been done in the cause of Foreign Missions within their bounds during the past year—that only ten Churches have forwarded any contributions from the Monthly Concert—and that only 34 churches have otherwise taken up any annual contribution—and that very few of these thirty-four out of 180 churches, have voluntarily, and without any special agency, contributed to this cause.

“*Resolved*, 2dly. That this Synod cannot but admit that the proclamation of the Gospel to every creature is the great work committed to the Church by her Divine Head and Master—that she is bound to carry forward this work to the very utmost extent of her means and her ability—and that nothing can excuse her for indifference or neglect.

“*Resolved*, 3dly. That inasmuch as the Head of the Church is manifesting his displeasure against us for our apathy to His cause, by removing our Ministers, by withholding the Spirit, and by allowing our young men to grow up indisposed to the work of the Ministry—that the first Sabbath in January next be set apart as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, and that all our Ministers be solemnly enjoined, on that day, to present the subject of Foreign Mis-

sions to their respective congregations—to observe also the Monthly Concert for Prayer—and at some convenient time, during the year, to take up a collection to aid in the spread of the Gospel.

“ *Resolved, finally,* That as it is expressly taught in our Confession of Faith, (ch. xxxi.) this decree and determination being consonant to the Word of God, is to be received with reverence and submission, not only for its agreement with the Word, but also for the power whereby it is made, this Synod being an ordinance of God appointed thereunto in the Word, and that every Minister be required to read these resolutions to his people, and impress upon them the obligation under which they lie to receive and comply with their suggestions.”

What, then, has been the response to the solemn injunctions of this Synod, by its 180 churches, its 121 Bishops, its 600 Elders, its 16,000 members, and its 64,000 friends? Let the following facts answer :

The only collections reported as having been taken up at the Monthly Concert, during the past year, have been from the six following churches :*

From the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston,	\$355 72
“ Presbyterian Church in Augusta,	58 62
“ 1st Presbyterian Church in Savannah,	60 00
“ Presbyterian Church in Columbia,	45 00
“ Presbyterian Church at Roswell,	56 50
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	\$575 84

So that, as far as is reported, 173 out of our 180 churches, have made no collections at the Monthly Concert ; while these six averaging about \$96 each, shew that had all contributed on the same average, the amount from this source would have been \$16,704.

Other collections are reported from the following churches :

In South Carolina.

2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston,	\$343 91
Church in Columbia,	96 25
“ Walterboro,	20 30
“ Midway,	10 00
“ Williamsburg,	17 00
“ of Harmony,	10 00
“ of Indiantown,	37 00
“ Concord,	42 00
“ Aveleigh,	21 91

* The Monthly Concert has been observed, and collections taken up in several other churches, but they have not been distinctly reported to the Treasurer. In future, it is hoped, all such cases will be distinctly announced.

Smyrna Church,	7 81
Beaver Creek Church,	67 18
Purity and Concord Church,	41 18
Mount Zion Church,	91 50
Ebenezer Church, through the Assembly's Board,	25 00
The Churches within the South Carolina Presby- tery,*	98 65
Fair Forest Church,	15 62
Good Hope Church,	19 00
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	\$952 84

In Georgia.

The Church in Athens; (of which \$25, given by an individual through the Assembly's Board; in addition to this the ladies made up clothing for the Indian Mission to the value of towards \$200.)	\$68 50
1st Presbyterian Church in Savannah,	25 00
Riceboro', Liberty County,	5 00
Harris Neck Church,	10 00
Augusta Church,	348 50
Darien Church, of which \$45 50 was through the Assembly's Board,	93 13
Church at St. Mary's,	39 62
Roswell Church,	56 50
Washington Church,	45 00
Macon, by donation of one individual through the Assembly's Board,†	10 00
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	\$701 25

It thus appears that only 27 out of our 180 churches, and some 80 out of our 600 Elders, have paid any regard to the solemn injunctions of this Synod, or to the imperative commands of our blessed Saviour. Many of these have done nothing in comparison with what they might and ought to have done. But taken together, they will make up the sum of \$1,654 09, which will average about \$51; so, that if all

* It is hoped that, in future, the amount given by each particular Church will be distinctly stated to the Treasurer.

† This Church, it appears, has funds in hands, but delayed through unavoidable circumstances.

N. B. Since the report was closed, several sums have been received from other congregations, which were taken up during the year, but not reported in season to be included in this statement. They will appear in the next Report. The present statement, therefore, is based upon the amounts reported to the Treasurer up to the date of closing his yearly account. It is earnestly desired that next year all collections will be forwarded in time to appear in the Annual Report.

had contributed, in even the same measure, the amount would have been \$9,180, which, with the amount from Concerts, would have made a total of \$25,884.

Now if we take the number of our church members to be 16,000, we may reasonably suppose the number of those who will contribute to such an object to be 64,000. In order, therefore, to make up the above sum of \$25,884, only about 25 cents would be required from each contributor on an average, which no one will pretend to say is beyond their ability to give.

Again, if we consider that the actual amount thus reported from the Churches has been only \$2,526 55, adding now all individual and miscellaneous contributions, both to our own Board and to the American Board, we find that each contributor has given, on an average, only the sum of about 37½ cents each.

Such then is the report of our doings as a Synod on the subject of Foreign Missions during the past year. Some one hundred and forty of the churches within the bounds of this Synod have done nothing whatever in this department of christian benevolence, towards fulfilling their obligations to God, to Christ, to the perishing world, and to this Body. Some ninety of our Bishops seem to have made no efforts within the sphere of their influence to raise any funds for this all important object. And upwards of four hundred Elders who have taken upon themselves the vows of the Lord, and solemnly devoted themselves to Christ and the advancement of his cause, appear to have exerted no authority in having the claims of 600,000,000 dying heathen brought before those churches of which they are the constituted guardians. Some of our ablest and most important churches which ought to have been foremost in this good cause, have either contributed nothing or almost nothing.

In the meantime the heathen are perishing every day. The command of Christ is every day calling upon his Bishops, Elders, and churches to go and preach the gospel to every creature. Our general Board of Foreign Missions is proclaiming to us the melancholy fact that their existing stations and missionaries cannot be sustained, nor several other missionaries who are in readiness, be sent out, unless the churches will come up to their duty, and to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Your Committee are unwilling to trespass upon the time of Synod by any unnecessary remarks. But they cannot forbear adding a few. They would therefore remind their brethren that all true Christians are not their own—but His

who has bought them with the price of his own most precious blood. They are therefore under the most undeniable obligation to live not to themselves—not to home or country or personal interests—but unto the Lord. And as in each particular church every individual is called upon to regard himself as a member of the body, and as bound therefore to seek the welfare of the body by every sacrifice and self-denial; so also is every Bishop, Elder, and Church under obligation to remember that while related to some particular field of labour, of which they have special charge, they are members of the general body the Church Catholic, and are required to promote by all possible efforts its general advancement. They are not therefore at liberty to live unto themselves or their own local interests. They may not seek their own revival, progress, and increase merely. The field is the world. It was for the world Christ died—To the world he gave his ministry. His commission extends to every creature. And his church is the appointed instrumentality for the world's conversion from Satan unto God.

It is therefore manifest that all among us whether Bishops, Elders or church members, who are satisfied with seeking the spiritual welfare of their own churches or charges merely, are guilty before God, and ought to humble themselves in deep penitence and self-abasement. Their conduct, however, otherwise commendable, is in this respect inexcusable, uncatholic, and unchristian.

Your Committee are aware that as it regards some of these congregations they may plead as an excuse for doing nothing in this cause, their poverty and weakness; while others from peculiar circumstances have been prevented from doing what they would otherwise desire to have performed. But making all such allowances, the state of the case is not materially altered. And while, therefore, they do not undertake to sit in judgement upon individuals, they would earnestly entreat every Bishop, Elder, and church member to examine impartially the statements now made; to inquire of the Lord "what wouldst thou have me to do;" and to come up to the help of the Lord in this great work, to the full measure of their ability. In this way, by the co-operation of all the churches, our Southern Zion will arise, and shine, and take that place which she ought to assume in the ranks of the church, in her onward march towards the conquest of the world.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Southern Board of Foreign Missions in account with
JAMES ADGER, Treasurer.

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1841.		
Nov. 20.	By cash from Walterboro' church, per Rev. Mr Boggs,	\$11 81
	Roswell church, Monthly Concert, \$75 in Central Bank Notes, of which \$60 sold for Carolima money, \$55; and \$15 for \$13 50,	68 50
	Six young ladies, members of the Presbyterian church, at Augusta, Ga., to assist in the publication of "The Armenian Magazine."	50 00
22.	From Mrs. C. M. Franklin, of Athens, Ga,	\$16 00
	Mrs. T. W. Thomas,	5 00
	Individuals in Athens,	12 50
	Midway church, S. C.,	10 00
	Williamsburgh church,	17 00
	Harmony church,	10 00—70 50
	Less—Discount on uncurrent money,	50—200 31
Dec. 6.	From Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church,	13 00
16.	1st Presbyterian church, Savannah, thro' Joseph Cumming, Esq.	25 00
27.	Joel Early, Esq., of Greene County, Ga., by Rev. F. Bowman,	50 00
30.	The annual Collection taken up in the 2d Presb. ch., Charleston, at the Anniversary of the Southern Board,	266 75
	Less—Discount on uncurrent money,	4 50—262 25
	Mr. Charles Fraser,	5 00—267 35—355 35
1842.		
Jan. 3.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church,	35 50
	Collection at Indiantown church, through Mr. Gildersleeve,	37 50
	Annual collection for 1841, of Concord church, Sumter District, South Carolina,	42 00—115 00
Feb. 7.	Monthly Concert 2d Presb. ch., \$44 30 ; Less —disc. on uncurrent money 13 cents,	44 17
12.	Through the Hon. Chancellor J. Johnson, for collection at Aveleigh ch., 1st Sabbath in January 1842,	21 94
	Do. at Savannah, 2d Sabbath in January 1842,	7 81—29 75
26.	Through Rev S. Donnelly, from Beaver Creek, annual collection,	30 06
	Monthly Concert,	11 25
	From an individual in said church, \$15 ; less, postage, 13 cents,	14 87—58 18—132 10
March 7.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston,	37 00
15.	Through Rev. S. Douglas of Chesterville, S. C., the contribution of Purity and Concord churches, (of which \$10, a donation of Miss Martha Hope, deceased, and to be appropriated, \$5 to the Mission in Liberia, and \$5 for the spread of the Gospel in India,)	41 62

March 24.	Through S. Lacoste, Esq. from Mount Zion church, Sumter District, of which \$30 for the education of two heathen youths at Cape Palmas, Africa,	91 50—170 18
April 1.	Through Rev. Mr. Gildersleeve, from James Main and others, Hickory Flat, \$2 50 ; less, discount, 6 cents,	2 44
	From Rev. J. Winn, Darien, Ga., this amount from a female in Georgia towards paying \$100 for the education of a heathen youth; which she had agreed to do,	20 00
	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston,	31 00
5.	Through Mr. T. Warley, from Rev. Anthony W. Ross, Treasurer South Carolina Presbytery, collections from the churches of that Presbytery,	99 25
	Less—discount on uncurrent money,	60—98 65
	Through Joseph Cumming, Esq. Monthly Concert 1st Presbyterian Church, Savannah,	10 00
	From Jackson's Creek church, through John Adger, Esq.	37 44
14.	Through R. Habersham & Son, by Dr. Thomas M. B. Harden, from the Ladies' Missionary Society of Liberty County, Geo., \$64 98; less, postage, 12 cents,	64 86
15.	Through Rev. B. Gildersleeve, Monthly Concert, Greensboro', Ga., by J. Cunningham, Esq.	60 00
	Less—discount on uncurrent money,	1 20—58 80—323 19
May 3.	Through Joseph Cumming, Esq., collection Monthly Concert, 1st Presbyterian Church, Savannah,	10 00
12.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston,	22 10
18.	Through Mrs. Mary Jones, from the Union School Juvenile Missionary Society, of Riceboro', Liberty County, Ga., for the use of the mission in which the Rev. J. L. McBride is engaged,	5 00
21	From Rev. J. W. Boggs, Walterboro', S. C., Through Rev. B. Gildersleeve, from Fair Forest congregation, by Rev. James Saye, \$16 ; less, postage, 38 cents,	8 50
26.	Through the same, from Good Hope Church,	15 62
30.	Through G. S. Dodd, collection in Presbyterian church, Harris Neck, Ga.,	10 00
June 6.	Through Sidney Crane, Esq., collection in Presbyterian church, Columbia, for Assembly's Board Foreign Missions,	8 10—79 32
	Collection at Monthly Concert,	55 00
	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston,	45 00—100 00
	35 00	
15.	Through Joseph Cumming, Esq., Monthly Concert First Presbyterian Church, Savannah,	10 00

June 20.	Through Wm. Shear, Esq. as follows :		
	Annual subscription, in part, of the 2d		
	Presbyterian church, Augusta,	243	50
	From the Ladies Missionary Society,		
	Presb. ch. congregation, Augusta,		
	through their Treasurer, Miss Sarah		
	Elbert,	45	00
	Monthly Concert Presbyterian Church,		
	Augusta, for December 1841,	10	50
	Do. for 1842, February,	11	50
	Do. " March,	10	00
	Do. " April,	13	62
	Do. " May,	10	00
	Do. " June,	3	00
	From Mrs. Nesbit, Athens, Georgia,	10	00
		<u>\$68</u>	<u>62</u>
	Less—discount on uncurrent money,	1	25
			<u>\$67 37—355 87</u>
	Through do. from Mrs. J. P. Force, of Augusta,		
	Ga., for Missionary Chronicle,	1	00—501 87
22.	From Mrs. Leland, Treasurer Ladies Associ-		
	ation of Columbia in aid of Foreign Mis-		
	sions, of which \$30 is to constitute Mrs.		
	Sarah B. Peck a Life Member of the As-		
	sembly's Board,	41	25
	Contribution of the Juvenile Association of		
	Presbyterian church,	8	25—49 50
July 5.	Monthly Concert, 2d Presbyterian church,	37	00
	Through Joseph Cumming, Esq., Monthly Con-		
	cert 1st Presbyterian church, Savannah,	10	00
11.	From D. W. Harrison, on account of collec-		
	tions for Missionary Chronicle,	15	00
	Through Rev. B. Gildersleeve, collec-		
	tion at Beaver Creek church,	9	00
	Donation from an individual,	10	00
	From Rev. S. Donnelly, for 20 copies		
	of Foreign Missionary,	2	00—21 00—83 00
Aug. 8.	Monthly Concert, 2d Presbyterian Church,	24	00
10.	Through Joseph Cumming, Esq. Monthly Con-		
	cert 1st Presbyterian Church, Savannah,	10	00
17.	From Juvenile Missionary Society, 2d Presb.		
	ch., Charleston, balance of collection,	34	00
	From A. Giles, Esq., Lowndesville, S. C., of		
	which \$1 is for one year's subscription in		
	advance to the Missionary Chronicle,	5	00
	From Rev. John Winn, of Darien, Ga., for		
	Foreign Missions under the Presbyterian		
	Board,	50	00
	Less—discount on uncurrent money, \$2 37 ;		
	and a bill of the Bank of Darien, valueless,		
	\$5—\$7 37,	42	63—115 63
Sept. 23.	Through Wm. Aldrich, collection Presbyterian		
	Church, St. Marys, \$40 ; Less—postage,		
	38 cents,		39 62
Oct. 3.	Through Rev. J. Winn, from Darien Church,	5	00

Oct. 4.	Through Joseph Cumming, Esq Monthly Concert 1st Presbyterian Church, Savannah,	20 00
5.	Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston,	60 95
31.	Through B. King, Esq. from Monthly Concert Rosswell Presbyterian church, Cobb County, Geo., of which \$50 in bills of the Central Bank, Geo.,	56 50—142 45
Nov. 3.	Through Wm. Shear, Esq. from Presbyterian congregation of Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia,	45 00
7.	Monthly Concert, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston,	16 00
	Balance of quarterly collection of Juvenile Missionary Society 2d Presbyterian Church,	42 53—103 53
		<u>\$2,411 05</u>

1841.

Dec. 1.	To paid Executive Committee's order, to remit J. B. Adger, Smyrna, the amount contributed to aid his Publications by the young ladies of Augusta, Ga.,	\$50 00
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1842.

Feb. 12.	To remitted J. Patton, Treasurer Assembly's Board, by order of Executive Committee, Jas. Adger & Co., draft at sight on Brown, Brothers & Co., New York, \$500, a 1 per cent premium,	505 00
	To paid Executive Committee's order to Rev. Thos. Smyth, for his bill of postage, freight, &c.	6 00
May 22.	To paid Executive Committee's order to Rev. B. Gildersleeve, for printing last Report,	12 00
Aug. 22.	To remittance to Walter Lowrie, Esq., Secretary to Assembly's Board, per order of Executive Committee, Check of the Bank of Charleston on the State Bank, New York, \$1000, a 1 per cent premium,	1010 00
Oct. 15.	To remittance to J. Patton, Treasurer Assembly's Board, by order of the Executive Committee, to pay for 60 copies of the Foreign Missionary, and for the general purposes of the Board, the sum of \$500, in James Adger & Co.'s Draft at sight on Brown, Brothers & Co., New York, for \$500, a 1 per cent premium,	505 00
Nov. 9.	To paid order Executive Committee to Rev. T. Smyth, for account of publications, postage, and numbers of Foreign Missionary for the use of the Board,	18 00
	To paid order Executive Committee to Trustees of Charleston Depository, for use of Room,	50 00
	To remitted Rev. David Wells, Treasurer Assembly's Board, by order of Executive Committee, in James Adger & Co.'s Bill on Brown, Brothers & Co., New York, for \$203 02, a 1 per cent premium,	205 05
		<u>\$2,361 05</u>
	Balance in hands of the Treasurer, being in Bills of the Central Bank of Georgia,	50 00

JAMES ADGER, Treasurer.